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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection of Claims 1-7 and 17-20 in an Office Action mailed June 4, 2001 as supplemented in an Advisory Action mailed October 18, 2001.

Also, submitted herewith is the fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) in the amount of \$320.00 Please credit any overpayment or charge any additional amount due to Deposit Account 02-2666. A duplicate of the Fee Transmittal sheet is submitted herewith for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

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